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MAY WE *Quote* YOU ON THAT?

[1] K C WU, ex-Gov of Formosa, *dismissing possibility of a "2 Chinas" settlement, with recognition of both gov'ts:* "It is absolutely impractical and absurd. Neither side will agree to it. It's like a 4-way stop on a highway—when all the cars don't obey the injunction, there's bound to be trouble." . . . [2] Sen WALTER F GEORGE (D-Ga) chmn Senate For'gn Relations Committee, *commenting on Southeast Asia Defense Treaty, ratified last wk by U S Senate:* "It is a threat to no nation, but rather proof of our will to live in peace, and to preserve the peace thru collective action. It is directed only against aggression." . . . [3] BERTRAND RUSSELL, British philosopher and author, *discussing Far Eastern situation:* "What is needed . . . is a suspension of hostilities while a search is made for some method of arbitration. If no such method is found, it is not unlikely that the human race will cease to exist before the end of the present yr."

Quote of the Week

Supreme Ct Justice WM O DOUGLAS, asserting that ultimate settlement of China problem involves recognition of both Red and Nationalist gov'ts, with UN seats for each: "The bald truth is that Mao is in control of the (Chinese) mainland, with no prospect for an overthrow of his regime. It is the historic policy of the U S to recognize regimes firmly in control of a nation, whether we like them or not."

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. . . [4] Gen CHIANG KAI-SHEK: "We have a saying in Chinese, 'When the lips are gone, the teeth feel cold.' If Taiwan (Formosa) fa'l's to the Communists, before long you will hear them clamor for 'the liberation of Japan' and 'the liberation of the Philippines.' . . . Once you allow an aggressor to succeed in one region without much interference, there is no telling when and where his aggression will stop."

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Whether the current Formosa situation will lead to war depends perhaps on your definition of "war." Our basic purpose is pacific: to deal forthrightly with what is currently the major threat to Asian peace.

This should not be viewed as a new U S policy. Basically it is the policy we have maintained since Pres Truman sent the 7th fleet to guard Formosa. The only new development is manifest in recent belligerent thrusts and threats of Chinese Reds. Presumably, at any time in the past 5 yrs our response to such gestures would have been substantially what it is today. This is a non-partisan issue involving the defense of American interests. (A spokesman of Democratic Nat'l Committee, asked if his party would object to the resolution, replied, "How can we? Formosa isn't an issue; it's a religion.")

Certainly it would be absurd to

say that the course does not imply danger. There may be fighting. Action may involve both our Navy and Air Force. And it may go well beyond the skirmish stage.

It is perfectly clear that we mean business. The undetermined question is whether Peiping's "war party" will accept this determination at face value, and how far they are presently prepared to go in testing our resolution.

One thing that should be kept in mind: Our defense line in the Formosa area is a flexible one, and will so remain. The wording of the resolution outlining our position is purposely obscure. Note that it expresses our intent to defend not only Formosa and the Pescadores but also "related positions and territories of that area."

If earnest fighting gets under way, we shall not offer equal resistance to all Red attacks. Each area will be viewed in the light of its strategic importance. We may move to defend certain outposts without necessarily dedicating ourselves to a last-ditch fight to hold them. Keep this point in mind if early dispatches appear to picture U S forces in a rather unfavorable light.



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"He who never quotes, is never quoted"

Charles H. Green



AGE—1

Age should not have its face lifted, but rather teach the world to admire wrinkles, as the etchings of experience and the firm lines of character.—RALPH BARTON PERRY, *Plea for an Age Movement* (*Vanguard*).

AGE—Youth—2

A common mistake of youth is that it thinks intelligence is a substitute for experience; that of age that it thinks experience is a substitute for intelligence. — *Carrollton (Ky) News-Democrat*.

ATOMIC AGE—3

The great new atomic age is already becoming decadent. At least the 1st signs appeared in the Information Bulletin of the Library of Congress. The Bulletin rep'ts that the Copyright Office has received a registration for the formula of an Atomic Fizz Cocktail. The cocktail, made of bicarbonate of soda and powdered uranium, is claimed to cure anything from pneumonia to nostalgia. The formulator's only complaint after drinking it is that he keeps hearing voices out of nowhere. We reason that it's the price you have to pay for wanting to have a radioactive personality. — *Chemical & Engineering News*.

BEHAVIOR—4

It's easier to keep a stiff upper lip if you let it relax in a smile.—LUCIA SEGER on TV show "Life Begins at 80."

CHANGE—5

Change is not always an improvement; sometimes an old set-up is better than a new upset.—*Old American News*, hm, Old American Roofing Mills.

CHILDREN—6

We are told that there are 31 million children in the public schools of America. How many is that? If all of the children of America were to march from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean and back again in columns of four, each column of four an arm's length from the one preceding it, the 1st children would have made the entire trip and returned to the Atlantic before the last of the children would have started the nation-wide trek.—*Sunshine Mag.*

CHURCH—Membership—7

Suppose the mbrship in a church were limited to 300 of the most faithful mbrs. Would you be in or out? Suppose you had to be elected as in a secret fraternity. Would you be blackballed? If your mbrship was limited to a yr, re-election depending on the good you had done during the yr, would you make it? Suppose 4 absences automatically caused you to be dropped from mbrship; would you stay in? — JOHN W MCKELVEY, *Christian Herald*.

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To go to a White House reception for the 1st time, freshman Rep Jim Wright (D-Tex) rented white tie, tails, and all the trimmings. He laid them out on the bed and decided to call in the children, since they'd never seen the likes of such duds. Six-yr-old Ginger took one look at the collarless boiled shirt and declared: "I didn't do it, Daddy; I haven't had the scissors all day!"

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State Dep't Counselor Douglas MacArthur II (a nephew of the Gen'l) addressing a recent Capitol Hill luncheon group, coined a definition of a diplomat: "One who invents problems to go with good solutions." . . . Noting that haircuts are free for Senators, but that it is customary to tip the barber \$1, Sen Norris Cotton (R-NH) opines: "These haircuts are about as free as most things furnished by the gov't."

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Commenting on the statement by Agriculture Sec'y Ezra Taft Benson, that "Things are looking up on the farm front under Republican leadership," Rep Omar Burleson (D-Tex) says: "I hope this is true—but if it is, the farmer is looking up from an economic position which has him flat on his back. This is not recommended as the best place to look up from."

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DRINK—Drinking—8

Never yet have we seen a fellow who could keep himself and his business both liquid at the same time. — *P-K Sideliner*, hm, Peter Kuntz Co.

EDUCATION—9

The ability to think straight, some knowledge of the past, some vision of the future, some skill to do useful service, some urge to fit that service into the well-being of the community — these are the most vital things education must try to produce.—*VIRGINIA C GILDERSLEEVE, Many a Good Crusade* (Macmillan).

ERROR—10

Our mistakes won't irreparably damage our lives unless we let them.

It is said that in making Persian rugs the artist stands before the rug while a group of boys stand behind to pull the thread after the artist starts it. If one of the boys makes a mistake, the artist adjusts the pattern accordingly so that when the rug is finished no one can tell where the mistake was made. The same kind of adjustment will take place in our lives if we will but let go of the mental thread of each mistake and let God weave it into a successful, orderly pattern.—*JAMES E SWEANEY, "Unburden Yourself for Success," Good Business*, 2-'55.

FAITH—11

Both science and democracy are the fruits of faith. Knowledge and proof tail along afterward.—*GILBERT E DOAN, Lehigh Univ, "The New Position of Science," Mechanical Engineering*, 1-'55.

Mining the Magazines



Pravda, Communist propaganda organ in Moscow, carried a feature article one day last month, portraying New England as a region of "poverty and starvation." N Karev, the correspondent, presented a vivid picture of desolation and degradation. Proper Bostonians, reading excerpts in their Sunday newspapers, were so disturbed they could scarcely down a 3rd helping of sausage and buckwheat cakes!

Scholastic Magazine is devoting an entire issue (Mar 16) to the theme, "How to Choose the Right Career." A number of leading industrialists will contribute career-guidance suggestions.

Yale Daily News, undergraduate publication, is issuing a 160-page magazine, *Wall Street: 1955*. It outlines careers in finance open to young men.

Christian Century (1-12-'55) examines "The Great Lynching Lie." No lynchings have taken place in U.S. for over 3 yrs; only scattered ones in the immediately preceding yrs. Tuskegee Univ has ceased its annual lynching statistics, considering the practice a thing of the past. But still, says the *Century*, the Communist-spread idea persists in Africa and India that stringing up Negroes is a regular form of light amusement for American Caucasians.

We admit it sounds a bit fishy, but the magazine *Lies Mit!* of Cologne, rep'ts that snapping fish are now used in the beauty salons of Paris. The beauty-seeking females, it seems, sit in tubs, where fish are permitted to peck at them. Prickling irritation of the skin, it seems, exceeds even the popular carbonic acid bath treatment.

In *Collier's* (1-7-'55) Secy of Labor Jas P Mitchell has a thought-provoking article on the plight of older workers (men over 45, women over 35). Increasingly in late yrs business and industry have been turning to younger workers, slighting healthy, competent men and women who have 20 yrs or more of productive service to offer. This, the Secy points out, is an intolerable situation economically. By 1975 this group will constitute half of our working-age population. If they are denied opportunities for self sustenance, these individuals face a sterile, demoralizing future; their support will become a staggering burden on the community. The Secretary urges action.

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FRIENDSHIP—12

A friend is someone whom you can always count on to count on you.—FRANCOIS PERIER, *Paris Match*, France (QUOTE translation).

HAPPINESS—13

Most of the folks we know anticipate and plan to be vastly happy at some future period or other, when they have more time. Seems as tho the only time we can really be sure of is today. Reckon it might be better to plan a little happiness for ourselves and others on a day by day basis, beginning now. — *P-K Sideliner*, hm, Peter Kuntz Co.

HISTORY—14

Posterity will be able to judge, and you cannot hurry history.—EDWIN G BORING, "The Present Status of Parapsychology," *American Scientist*, Winter '55.

HUMAN NATURE—15

A Hollywood landscape architect has put in 7 yrs bldg an electrically driven machine, with 700 moving parts, that does absolutely nothing, whirling and flailing about to no purpose but the pleasure of its creator. "Anyone can design a machine to do something," he says, "but to build a working machine that does nothing takes real skill." And that's human, too. Not in a billion yrs would such a pleasant whimsy occur to an Internat'l Business machine. — ROBT BENDINER, "The Brain is Not Outmoded," *N Y Times Mag*, 1-23-'55.

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IDEAS—16

An intellectual is not just one to whom books are necessary, but any man whose very life is controlled and disciplined by an idea — no matter how simple it may be.—ANDRE MALRAUX, *Reporter*.

IRONY—17

Ten poor people can sleep in the same room, but two kings can't sleep in the same realm.—*Auslese*, Frankfurt (QUOTE translation).

LIBERTY—18

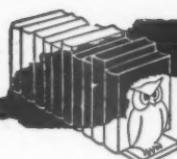
Liberty is not handed down like the family silver, but must be fought for and rewon by each new generation.—LUCILLE MILNER, *Education of An American Liberal*: an autobiography (Horizon Press).

LIFE—Living—19

Not one of us knows what effect his life produces, and what he gives to others; that is hidden from us and must remain so, tho we are often allowed to see some little fraction of it, so that we may not lose courage. The way in which power works is a mystery.—ALBERT SCHWEITZER, quoted in *Christian Register*.

MENTAL HEALTH—20

The blunt truth is that we have been losing the battle against mental illness. We have had to build larger and larger hospitals to house the insane, yet these institutions are today more crowded than ever before. Their roll of patients has been increasing—yr after yr—by more than 15,000 annually! Today the grim total stands at over 720,000.—ALBERT Q MAISEL, "Victory Over Mental Illness," *Woman's Home Companion*, 2-'55.



Book Briefs

Chas Dudley Warner once observed that while everybody talks about the weather, no one does anything about it. (No; it *wasn't* Mark Twain who said it!) To Dr Geo Hobart Tinsley Kimble, the British-born geologist, this is just dandy. In his new book, *Our American Weather* (McGraw-Hill) Dr Kimble says, "The more I ponder the idea of monkeying with the weather, the less I like it." The changes induced by the tinkers might, he feels, do more harm than good. "There is no telling whether these 20th Century alchemists can control their inventions." Cloud-seeders please note.

Note to those harried individuals who never seem to find time for this and that: You have, dear friends, a total of 93 full days of leisure in each twelvemonth. Or so at least says Corinne Updegraff Wells in her book, *Pack Your Leisure With Profit & Pleasure* (Prentice-Hall). Figures this way: You work 8 hrs a day, 50 wks a yr, for a total of 2,000 hrs; travel takes an hr a day; meals, 2½ hrs; chores, half an hr; dressing, one hr; sleep, 8 hrs. This totals 6,531 hrs. Since there are 8,760 hrs in a yr, you have a neat residue of 2,229 hrs—or 93 days. Trying to figure out what in the heck becomes of all this time may nibble quite a chunk out of this wk's leisure.

A not-too-successful author went into a bookstore and asked a clerk, "How are my novels going?"

"I can't imagine, sir," came the reply, "unless it's shoplifters."—*Answers* (London).

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In answer to several inquiries as to when effects of the self-imposed comic-book-industry censorship may become apparent, we can now quote Judge Chas F Murphy to the effect that by early Feb some 70 to 75% of the industry's output will bear the Association stamp of approval. This denotes absence of scenes of excessive violence, suggestive or salacious illustrations, details of crimes, etc. Code also prohibits ads for knives, gun facsimiles, pin-ups, firearms and gambling equipment.

Kiddies may learn to read in Argentina—but what they read is worrying North American parents who live there with their children. Even in the private Lincoln School for *Norteamericanos*, the required primer is a hymnbook for dictator Juan D Peron, his gov't and his late wife, Eva. Columbus gets 2 pages of the reader, compared to 27 for the Perons.

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"With malice toward none . . ."

The setting for Abraham Lincoln's 2nd Inaugural Address 90 yrs ago (Mar 4, 1865) would have disheartened almost any speaker. The day was cold and drizzly, the crowd was mud-spattered and restless, the new vice-pres (muddled by a fortifying nip taken before the ceremony) was alternately loud-mouthed and incoherent in his remarks. But then the crowd hushed, the sun broke thru grey skies, and Lincoln gave a brief, moving speech that ranks with his Gettysburg Address in its expression of humility and faith. The address, now engraved on the walls of the Lincoln Memorial together with its Gettysburg counterpart, gives evidence in its concluding words of how different the Reconstruction might have been, how much easier the war's aftermath, under the guidance of the 16th President.

With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan—to do all which may achieve a just and lasting peace among ourselves, and with all nations.

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MONEY—21

Bernard Baruch, the nation's elder statesman, is an example of American achievement. Money-making has always been easy for him. When only 30, he hurried home one day and said, "Father, I have made a million dollars!"

His father said, "Yes, my son, but what good are you going to do with it?"—*Highways of Happiness*.

OPINION—22

There is a false formula for personal security being peddled in our marketplace and it is this, although not so labelled: don't join anything; don't associate; don't write; don't take a chance on being wrong; don't espouse unpopular causes; button your lip and drift with the tide; seek the ease and luxury of complete equanimity by refusing to make up your mind about issues that some people will tell you will in due course be decided by wiser heads. This product, if it be bought by enough people, leads to paralysis.—Edw R MURROW, *Life Today*.

PEACE—23

It is easy to order a bomb dropped. The trouble comes afterward. It is hard to endure the long and difficult job of trying to improve living conditions in Asia. But that is the road to peace.—Editorial, *Wallace's Farmer & Iowa Homestead*.

POLITICS—24

A successful political party needs both a conservative and liberal group—the liberal to keep his eye on the needs of the people, and the conservative to see whether the needs can be met.—Sen RALPH E FLANDERS (R-Vt).

Pathways to the Past

Week of
Feb 27-Mar 5



Red Cross Mbrship Drive (Mar)

Nat'l 4-H Club Wk (Mar 5-13)

Feb 27—America 1st plunged into the 20th Century bloodbath 40 yrs ago (1915), with the death of the 1st Yankee combatant in World War I (a mbr of French For'gn Legion).

Feb 28—135th anniv (1820) b of Sir John Tenniel, British artist whose brillig illustrations for *Alice in Wonderland* have never been improved on, even by mimsy boro-groves like Walt Disney.

Mar 1—Needing someplace to borrow from, Congress chartered the 1st nat'l bank 175 yrs ago (1780) in Pennsylvania. . . On the same day, that state became the 1st to abolish slavery by law. . . Before you can count on votes, you have to count voters, so Congress ordered the 1st Census 165 yrs ago (1790), which tallied 3,929,-214 citizens. . . Napoleon hit the Comeback Trail 140 yrs ago (1815), returning from exile in Elba to rally his still-loyal troops in France. . . Dr Klaus Fuchs, the man who let the atoms out of the bag, confessed 5 yrs ago (1950) to passing A-bomb secrets to Russia.

Mar 2—*Texas Independence Day* (Texas declared itself an independent republic this day in 1836, was recognized as such just a yr later, and annexed the U S in 1845).

Mar 3—Hopes for nat'l unity rose 135 yrs ago (1820) when the Missouri Compromise Bill (allowing slavery in Missouri but in no new Western states south of it) became law, but it was repealed in 1854. . . 110 yrs ago (1845) Florida entered the Union. . . The Post Office began registering letters 100 yrs ago (1855), and added its special delivery service 70 yrs ago (1885).

Mar 4—This was "swan song" day for 2 great political standard-bearers: 105 yrs ago (1850) the ailing Southerner, John C Calhoun, heard a friend present his last great effort for the South, a speech attacking any compromise on slavery (too weak even to talk, Calhoun d 27 days later). . . And a war-weary Pres Abraham Lincoln delivered his 2nd Inaugural Address 90 yrs ago (1865), just 6 wks before his assassination.

Mar 5—The 1st NY theatrical season opened 205 yrs ago (1750) with a tried-and-true revival: Shakespeare's *Richard III*. . . A scuffle that started with snowballs between Bostonians and British troops got out of hand 185 yrs ago (1770), and when the gunsmoke lifted, 3 Americans were dead, 11 wounded, and firebrand patriots were already deplored the "Boston Massacre."

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"Of all things!"

"College president has tin cup; will travel."

That classified ad may some day soon be featured in educational jnls, if we accept the premise of Dr Abram L Sachs, head of Brandeis University. Talking to an alumni group recently, Dr Sachs made the point that a modern college president must devote so much time to finding financial support that "the tin cup is replacing the cap and gown."

In its essence, the problem is not new. Educators have ever had to scrounge for funds. But a chronic condition has, in our time, become acute. Supplicants have increased more rapidly than suppliers. Once, in the phrase of Alexander Pope, a man might, at his personal whim "endow a college or a cat." Today, the needs of educational institutions have increased prodigiously. And there are relatively fewer men of means to meet the call for funds.

We may deplore the practice of converting our college heads into sales promotion experts and high-class mendicants. But perhaps the most telling indictment of the system is that it just isn't working out. All of the energies of all of the college presidents combined are inadequate for the task at hand. A new, workable financial formula must be devised — and quickly—if we are to maintain our sources of liberal learning.

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RELIGION—25

They say there are no atheists in foxholes. And the whole world is a foxhole now.—*Wesleyan Christian Advocate*.

RESEARCH—26

Since World War II in the U S we have spent about twice as much for research as in all the previous yrs of our history. It is a startling fact that our nat'l level of research expenditure—approx \$3 billion—is as much as our total budget a little more than a quarter of a century ago.—JAS R KILLIAN, pres, Mass Inst of Technology, "Role of Research in a Dynamic Economy," *Think*, 1-'55.

SPEECH—Speaking—27

When Edmund Burke was delivering his famous speech against Warren Hastings, he suddenly stopped in the very middle of an idea. Slowly and impressively he raised his hand and pointed his index finger at Mr Hastings. He stood for almost a minute with that dramatic pointing finger while the audience almost held its breath. Then he went on.

Afterward, one of the opposing advocates said, "Mr Burke, that was one of the most effective pauses I have ever seen. We simply held our breaths, wondering what you were going to say next."

"That," responded Mr Burke, "is exactly the way I was feeling."—*Better English*.

SUCCESS—28

Many men learn too late that the only way to skip rungs on the ladder of success is on the way down.—*Tit-Bits*, London.

TEACHERS—Teaching—29

It would be dangerous if we were ever convinced that now, for sure, we know *what* to teach; that now, for sure, we know how to teach. It is the eternal search for the solution which assures success and not the solution itself.—*N Carolina Education.*

THOUGHT—30

You can't stop people from thinking—but you can start them! That's what counts. — *FRANK A DUSCH, Outdoor America.*

TRUTH—Falsehood—31

Those who feel it is all right to tell white lies soon go color blind. —*Milwaukee Jnl.*

WAR—Peace—32

The long history of man is the history of war. Once it was the fashion to write from this point of view. A generation ago the schoolboy had to memorize a succession of kings and battles and the dates for each. Now we talk of social, political, and economic movements. We still note the innumerable wars, but they take 2nd place. — *DUNCAN HOWLETT, Man Against the Church* (*Beacon Press*).

WORLD RELATIONS—33

The critical danger threatening humanity is not that its ideas of the world and universe may not be definite and consistent, but that it may have no conception of the world and the universe at all, that it may be confronted with a philosophic vacuum. — *MARION E TAGGART, "Eclecticism in Philosophy of Education," Phi Delta Kappan, 1-'55.*

In Brief

If your vision of a suburban estate encompasses the prospect of a hammock swung betwixt 2 sizeable shade trees, it's only fair to warn that you'd best get your order in. It seems the busy subdivision boys have been cutting up so many rural tracts for bldg lots, we are about to run out of "collected" trees to augment dwindling nursery stock. The spreading blight, destroying many thousands of elms annually, is another complication. Good shade trees will be in short supply for at least 10 yrs.

Nostalgic note: Montgomery Ward's special farm catalog was out last wk—and for the 1st time since 1885 it omits a familiar classification: work harness. No demand!

If the zero days of late Jan turned your thoughts toward a new furnace, here's a faintly cheering thought: A Phila dealer advertises: "Install now; first payment next winter!"

Before you exult over Junior's added inches, pause and reflect that the lad may be growing himself right out of a pretty soft job in Washington! New ruling: No Senate page boy can be taller than the shortest Senator.

Rep't of our Dep't of Disillusion, wk ending 2-5-'55: The grass skirts that so devastatingly decorate the maidens of Hawaii are currently supplied by an enterprising mfr situated in New Jersey.

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Good Stories

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you can use

Ed Buckley, mgr of N Y's Hotel Roosevelt, was approached recently by the wife of a prominent publisher who asked him to donate the Grand Ballroom for a charity dance. Buckley explained to her that this is the peak season for rental of such space and that it would be impossible to give it to her free. "But this is such a worthy cause," she protested. "All those wonderful but penniless authors and their brood . . ." Buckley again expressed regrets, then, remembering that she is mistress of a sumptuous estate in the suburbs, suggested that she hold the dance in her own house. "What?" was the lady's indignant rejoinder, "and have all those bums cluttering up my living room?"—BENNETT CERF, *Saturday Review*. a

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"Last night," the young chap told his friend, "I had the sweetest girl in my car! When we came to a lonely place I wanted to kiss her, but she said, 'I'd like to see the stars when you kiss me. Why don't you take the top down?' So after working an hour I finally got the top down and . . ."

"An hour?" interrupted his friend. "Why, I don't need more than two minutes for that!"

"Yes, but you don't have a hard-top model car!"—*Revue*, Munich (QUOTE translation). b

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I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

Mrs H P WASHBURN

A plump and respectable lady approaching middle age was converted to nudism and spent her summer vacation in a nudist colony. Old friends, meeting her afterward, listened agog as she told all.

"It was such a glorious sense of freedom I got there," she said, "and such a release from stifling and outmoded thoughts and feelings."

Then a dreamy and somewhat disturbed look possessed her and she gazed into space. "But, you know," she confessed, "there's just one thing that I don't seem able to control. It may be that the bonds of custom and early training are so strong that I'll never get over it."

"Yes?" her friends asked breathlessly.

"Well," the lady ans'd shyly, "it's next to impossible to keep your napkin from sliding off your lap!"

The man ran breathlessly to the end of the platform—but the train was faster. As he slowly retraced his steps a helpful stranger remarked, "Miss the train?"

"Not much," panted the other. "I never got to know it really well."—FRANCES RODMAN. c



An old farmer in Va had, by hard work and thrifty habits, got together a little fortune, and decided that the time had at last arrived when he was justified in ordering a family vehicle.

His friends urged him to buy a motor car, but he went, instead, to a carriage builder (there are, it is said, still such to be found) and described in detail the sort of carriage he wished to buy.

"I suppose you want rubber tires," said the carriage man.

"No," said the old farmer in tones of resentment, "my folks ain't that kind. When they're riding, they want to know it." — *Arkansas Baptist.* d

Here's an easy way to tell a psychologist:

When a good-looking woman enters a room everyone watches her. The psychologist watches everyone else. — *Reformatory Pillar.* e

An Irish priest had been transferred from one parish to another. One of his old flock met one of the new.

"Well," he said, "and how do ye like Father Murphy, Dennis?"

"Ah, to be sure," ans'd Dennis, "he's a fine man; a fine man, but a trifle bellicose."

"Bellicose, is it? Well, if that isn't quare. When we had him he was as thin as a rake." — *Tit-Bits, London.* f

Television has opened many doors — mostly on refrigerators. — LUKE NEELY.

What lies behind the human race can't compare with the ones they are thinking up now. — VESTA M KELLY.

To some people an occupational hazard means being offered a job when they rep't to pick up their unemployment check. — FRANCIS O WALSH.

Juvenile delinquency isn't a major problem. It's just a lot of minor ones. — MAURICE SEITTER.

Everyone agrees that the honeymoon between Ike and the Democrats is over—but is it necessary to go directly from Niagara Falls to Reno? — *Hartford Courant.*

Word from Detroit is that the automotive geniuses already have discovered several wonderful new adjectives for '56 and all that now remains is to invent an improvement they'll fit. — Sen SOAPER, NANA Syndicate.

As chilly as a cop's whistle. — T HARRY THOMPSON, Sales Mgt.

When a woman starts stroking your hair, look out, brother! She may be after your scalp. — Master Barber.

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In a discussion between 2 Englishmen, one maintained that no one could pray without having his mind wander. However, the other positively stated that his mind never wandered while he was praying.

"If you come to me next Monday and tell me honestly that your mind did not wander once from your prayers on Sunday," said the first, "I will give you one of the best horses from my stables."

On the following Monday the other presented himself to get the horse.

"Are you sure that your mind did not wander once during the prayers?" asked his friend.

"Well, maybe it did, once, at the end of the last prayer," was the other's reply, "when I wondered whether you would give me a saddle, too." —DAN BENNETT. g

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As the construction of a new bridge over a large river proceeded, a new man was sent out to work with the carpenter crew. He seemed short of tools and was constantly borrowing from his fellow workers in order to keep up his end of the work. One day he went to a grizzled old carpenter and asked to borrow a saw. The old man raised his eyes from his work and silently viewed the newcomer. Wiping the sweat from his forehead with his sleeve, he snorted, "Look here, young fellow, there are three things I never lend to anyone—my saw, my car and my wife—and I name them in order, too!" —United Mine Workers Jnl. h

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Author Homer Croy tells about a woman friend who each wk attends a club meeting, but stays only one hr—no more, no less. Recently she was asked why she had to be so exact in her departure.

"I use the bus as my baby-sitter," she explained. "I pay the children's fare, tell the driver not to let them off until he circulates thru town and gets back to our house. That takes an hr. The children are always excited about the trip, and the cost is practically nothing." —This Wk. i

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Geo Mayfield, an early associate of Dizzy Dean, recalls that in the great pitcher's younger yrs he loved to play practical jokes. They sometimes got him into trouble. One of these pranks led to a fight between Diz and another player, Jack Murdock.

"I saw Jack the next day," Mayfield recalls, "and both eyes were blacked. I asked what happeend. He said he'd had a fight with 'that big, awkward Jay Dean.'

"He's the awkiest guy I ever saw," Jack complained. "He couldn't hit me no place but in the eye!" —B A BRIDGEWATER, *Tulsa (Okla) Daily World.* j

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"This is the garage," said an excited voice on the telephone, "and your wife just drove in here to have her car repaired and I want—"

"Okay, okay," interrupted the weary husband, "I'll pay for it."

"Who's worrying about that?" said the voice. "I'm trying to find out who's going to pay to fix my garage." — *Louisville Courier-Jnl Mag.* k

A farmer in Maine had the situation well defined. "In Congress," he said, "a man gets up and speaks and says nothing. Nobody listens. Then everybody disagrees."—*Chain Gang*, hm, Diamond Chain Co. I



Come To Think Of It

According to the President of the California Institute of Technology, the U S must "make thinking more popular."—News item.

Imagine thoughtful people slinking Around ashamed because they're thinking,
And picture, too, white-collared, brisk
Executives required to whisk The "Think" sign from their desk whenever
They'd have their clients rate them clever.

Is it so bad? Is thinking frowned on?
Is it a thing not to be found on The person of the higher fauna,
And classed with knives and marijuana?

Some types of thinking I could swear
Are now accepted everywhere And popular and practiced widely
And hardly ever looked at snidely. Here's one example: thinking thoughts
That make the thinker think he's lots
More thoughtful (and more right) and mellow
Than almost any other fellow.

A noted Canadian entomologist was delivering a lecture on the danger of rat infestation. The 6th-grade class listened with apparent att'n, and after the lecture one of them wrote the lecturer a note of thanks. It concluded by saying: "We didn't even know what a rat looked like until you came."—*Indiana Teacher*. m

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A 4-yr-old brought a big bulging sack to school. But he did not share its contents with anyone. "Oh, well," thought the teacher, "he will share it when we meet as a group." But that time came and went and he had not shown it to anyone.

The children went to the playground. "Now," thought the teacher, "we will find out what is in the sack." But still the sack remained unopened in the little boy's hand.

Finally she went up to him and said, "What do you have in your sack?"

"Blew," he ans'd.

The teacher looked puzzled so he helped her out. "Blew. I just b'ew."—*Childhood Education*. n

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A French couple, visiting some American friends, were given a puppy to take back to France. On arriving home, it occurred to them it would be a nice gesture if they honored their recent hosts by giving the dog a typical American dog name.

It wasn't long before the dog's license arrived and proudly they attached it to his collar. It read "Fideau."—*American Wkly.* o

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Quote-ettes

CLARE BOOTHE LUCE, Ambassador to Italy: "Communism is the opiate of the intellectuals, but it isn't a cure — except as a guillotine might be called a cure for dandruff." 1-Q-t

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LILLIAN GISH, veteran actress, campaigning for gov't recognition of "the arts" as a nat'l influence: "Mr Hemingway had to go to Sweden for his Nobel prize; Grandma Moses is recognized by the Louvre in Paris. At least we ought to be able to put Geo M Cohan on a postage stamp." 2-Q-t

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News of the NEW

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Without further ado, we call your attention to an assortment of fascinating oddities:

Calorie counters can buy a dinner plate which is decorated with a calorie chart covering 49 different food items. . . If that doesn't do the trick, you can buy a belt made to look like a tape measure. And no matter what your waistline really is, belt always measures at the buckle a svelte 22. . . An extra car key made to double as a tie clasp is made by Maymac Co., 79 W Grand St., Mount Vernon, N.Y. The clips carry crest of owner's auto. . . Handy little gadget this: a hot dog filler which 1st re-

moves the center of a frankfurter, then fills it with cheese or other food. It's tubular aluminum with a plastic plunger. . . The ex-mgr of the Milan (Italy) streetcar system has invented a trolley car strap which plays a pretty tune when grabbed by a passenger. . . New bathtowels are personalized more subtly than by "His" and "Hers." These have fleur de lis for women, crowns for men. . . If you want to ski, but are nervous about keeping on your feet—forget it. Buy a sit down ski with a comfortable seat, thumb and finger grips. No heater.

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